

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Edward T. Sullivan et al.  
Serial No.: 09/997,626  
Filing Date: November 28, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 2616  
Confirmation No.: 7607  
Examiner: Kevin C. Harper  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSMITTING  
TRAFFIC IN A VIRTUAL TUNNEL OF A  
TRANSMISSION LINE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments as set forth below.